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PARALLEL PROCESSING OF
MICROVOLUME LIQUID REACTIONS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 5, 2004 (Paper No. 13), for which a response was due on February 5, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 5, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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